

SOME IMPRESSIONS OF "DIPLOMACY"

Gillette and Doro

"Diplomacy," With Bates,
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"Diplomacy" has lost nothing in all these years. No, indeed; between English adaptations and American modernizations Bardou's old play has gained about 30 pounds. Last night, at the Broad, it was encrusted with three stars and any amount of new dialogue. But since the adaptations and American modernizations Sardou's old play has gained about 20 pounds. Least night, at the Broad, it was encrusted with three stars and any amount of new dialogue. But since the accretions had only to do with the humor of the piece, and consisted principally of such information as "There are no dogs in dog biscuits," they didn't do the play or the audience much good. This revivaice "Diplomacy" puts Sardou in the class with Shakespeare: they knew how to write their plays better than the gentlemen who try revising them.

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Sut, as it started at 3 sharp last night, there was more action in the audience than in the first act, and as it ended round 11:30 a good many people besides the critics whated there had been more Sardou and a little less of this sort of thing: "I shall be a nun," "A female menk!" and "Life is very hard:" Yes, it is the hardest thing I have ever been connected with." Spaced out by great wastes of jokes and joilies and kiddings and ally-ans English boys, the "big moments" r-ass English boys, the "big moments" which Sardou labored and by which ha triumphed seemed pretty far between. All the same there were cases—very de-lightful, refreshing ones. At their brim-ming font of theatrical excitement the weary play-traveler drank his full. He statched the net of circumstance, drawn by Countess Zicks, the spy, close about

young diplomat's bride and threaten siten upon her the theft of valuable

And it's also good fun, of course, to see so excellent a cast playing so expertly. If two of the leading men gave rather bad imitations at times of the part of person that used to be called an "amotional actress," Mr. Gillette made in the Mc. "smotional actress," Mr. Gillette made up for it by being anything but emotional. He went through even his "big scene" with the humorous nonchalance that is supposed to make a "character" out of a stage puppet, and succeeded in listing very amuning. Perhaps all this fun-making helped to divert the narrative from its old, swift course into the meanderings of "modernization." But, anyway, a Sherlock Holmes with a violent sense of humor is rather good sport.

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Minor figures in the cast stood out as sharply—Mr. von Seyffertits as a spy, with a German accent that would land any man in an English jall; Norman Tharp, "silly-assing" as usual; Jeffreys Lavis jaffreys-lewising, and Bertha Fordyes making a portentous figure out of a gabbiling old lady that Oscar Wilde himself might have admired.

But two-thirds of the audience came to see Miss Doro and Miss Bates, and two-thirds of the audience had their wish. Maris Doro looked as pretty as her name, acted with the appealing grace that is hers by physical right, and far outdid any of her previous attempts at the dramation. Miss Bates—what did Miss Bates and the usery off the evening's honor? She saw a Zicka of humor and dash and the gosticst of poles. She shaded her ministions and her amiles with the Industrial bit of captivating mailgraity. She was the best of high spirits masqueradwas the best of high spirits masquarading as cuming. If all "Diplomacy" were like Miss Bates and all diplomacy like Miss Bates and all diplomacy like Miss Broad would be well spent and Europe well lost to war.

Bright Bill at Keith's

s Eya Tanguny got so reckless at In's yesterday afternoon that she tore suffini ballet costume (at least she sai she did), split two infinitives in half and raced up and down the such such predigious persistance the was fairly out of breath when planted to tell the audience that she it care. The audience cared sufficience The audience with the craic aupleans. When she greated published with "Hello" and asked a fallo" in turn she got it with the cross sufficience suffusiness. Her sours were speaked authorized framily critical of performance, chesterly and a little to Dut the bill was made up of so access these that Miss Tanguay on the only star. on the only star.

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"The Traffic" a Drama of Today The Traffic, a "sociological" melodrama in four acts, which is the offering at the Walnut this week, is teeming with interest and sensational scenss. Purely a "white slave" play; it vividly depicts the "great cause" for the downfall of the

women of the underworld.

Miss Bess Sankey, as Agnes Berton, a factory girl living in the tenement district of New York, is lured to a life of shame by her desire to raise money with which to send her consumptive sister to a sanitarium. After a fight against crushing odds she becomes resigned to her fate until she finds that her sister, who is now cured, has been amuggled into the same to fasten upon her the theft of valuable cured, has been smuggled into the same life. In desperation she kills the man who caused her downfall and, as the police rush in to raid the house, she sends her band's eyes by every attempt at escape. He gioried in the fascinating wickedness of Zieka and the squally engaging reading the same of the same includes: band's eyes by every attempt at escape. He gloried in the fascinating wickedness of Zieka and the squally engaging readiness of the young diplomat's much more diplomatic brother to extricate every one from the toils by detecting whiffs of Zieka's perfume all over the place and by tricking the sples with the simplest of lixtic tricks. That sort of thing is vary good fun—now or 40 years ago.

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'AIDA" WITH CARUSO TONIGHT Philadelphians' Canvasses Find Favor "AIDA" WITH CARUSO TONIGHT
In the fourth opera of the local season
the Metropolitan Company returns to the
Italian with the production of Verdi's
"Aida" tonight. The opera is almost as
familiar as the "Celeste Aida" aria in it
with which Caruso's name is so indissolubly linked. The whole cast is notable,
ss Mme. Destinu will sing "Aida," Amato
will aing "Amonasro." Miss Sparkes the
High Priestess, and Didur, Rossi and
Audisio the minor roles. Mr. Polaced
will conduct. The ballet, with Miss
Rosini Galli, will be complete.

#### THEATRICAL BARDEKER

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ADELPHI- "Today," with Estmund Bresse and Ethel Valentine. George Broadhurst and Abraham Schomer's slow-moving drama, shout a wife's inddelity, ending with a violent 'hig acene' in which the husband chokes her. Last week.

BHI)AD—"Diplomacy," with William Gillette, Blanchs Baiss, Marie Doro and a strong cast, Sardou's famous old play "modernized" by Mr. Gillette, See neview.

PORHEST—"Finatore." The good old Olibert & dullian classic produced a is Hippodrome, with real water. Just as delightful as ever. Last week.

GARRICK—"Potash and Perimutter." Monstague Glass popular stories of the clothing trade made over into the season's most heartily amusling comedy.

KEITR S—Eve Tanguay, Bert Plingthon, "A Telephone Taugis." and a theratiled bill. Bes review. Telephone Taugis." and a diversified bill.
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LITELE THINATHE—"The fillver Box." John
Galaworthy's powerful and moving drama
contrasting the unsimplered at both ends of
the social scale. Excellently acted. Last work.

LYRIC. "High Jinks." with Hella Mayhuw and a good cast. Rudolph Frimi's rippling music berre on an annaing story of a gloom-discelling purture. Last week.

WALNUT! "The Trufflo," by Havhel Marshall. See review.

Men's

# BAZAAR HAS VARIED AND POTENT CHARM

#### Pet Dog Show Develops Proportions of Menagerie. Horticultural Hall a Hive of Business Activity.

A pet dog and animal show, plus the ambulance ball, which takes place tonight, will mark the second day of the brilliant "Made-in-Amarica" bazaar, now being conducted at Horticultural Hall under the capable auspices of the Emergency Aid Committee,

gency Aid Committee.

All day yesterday Mrs. J. Mauran Rhodes had more than she could do attending to a number of persons who called to enter their pets in the contest, and what had started out to be a mere dog show soon took on the proportions of a menagerie. Up to the present time there are many parrots, canaries, rabits, guines pigs, to say nothing of 30 cats and twice as many dogs. The pets cats and twice as many dogs. The pets will be on exhibition from 10 in the morn-ing until 9 in the evening. At 6 o'clock over 100 prizes will be awarded.

Three Shetland ponies of pedigreed stock, donated by Miss Anne Vauclain, are among the most popular features of the bazaar. It was while Mrs. Rhodes was busily engaged in getting chances on them yesterday that Mayor Blanken-burg sent her word that raffling was against the law

"It seems," she explained to those near-by, "that it is perfectly legal to take the chances here, but the actual raffing must fore she could explain further she was surrounded by a little group clamoring for chances on the Shetland pontes.

RED CROSS MELTING POT. The Hed Cross Booth, with Mrs. William L. McLean in charge, has planned to augment its fund by placing a melting pot in front of the booth. Every one and anyone in generous mood is asked to bring in whatsoever of gold or allver he or she has to contribute. At the close of the bazar those things, the intrinsic value of which exceeds the actual worth of the gold or silver, will be sold and the

the gold or sliver, will be sold and the remaining ones melted.

The Southern country lunch room, metamorphosed yesterday afternoon into an afternoon tea room, did a rushing business and a negro orchestra, which rendered plantation songs, made things even liveller.

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The entrance of E. T. Stotesbury was the signal for a general sortic in his di-rection, and the air was filled with the voices of earnest damsels pleading in this

"Wen't you have a chance on an automobile, Mr. Stotesbury, a little Ford?"
"Can I put your name down for a button-hook or a pen-wiper, only 15 centa."
"May I enter you for a sofa cushion
or the latest knitting device?"
"Will you buy a white eardenia a

or the latest knitting device?"
"Will you buy a white gardenia, a
package of cigarettes, anything?"
But the little Boy Scouts were the red
hot tamales of the bazar. At every booth one youngster in khakl uniform was stationed for the express purpose of doing the bidding of those in charge, and the floor was dotted with them delivering packages, carrying messages and making

themselves generally useful.

A feature of the Ambulance ball tonight will be exhibition dancing by Miss Ella Brock, Miss A. Beatrice Geyelin, Miss Anne M. C. Coleman and Miss Frances Hoar, of Boston, and Miss Anne Williams, of Baltimore. The ushers at the ball will be:

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The committee in charge of the ball

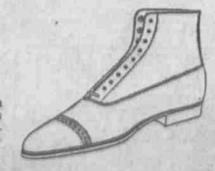
in Corcoran Gallery of Art. Philadelphia artists trained at the Penn sylvania Academy of the Fine Arts are well represented at the fifth blennial exhibition of oil paintings by American artists at the Corcoran Gallery of Art, at Washington.

Two canvasses, "Waterfall" and "Hill-top," by W. Eimer Schofield, are regard-ed by critics as being the most imposing paintings in the exhibition. The portrait of Mrs. Hanley Addicks, by Thomas Eakins, Philadelphia, has been greatly

Admired.

Robert Henri is represented by three brilliant and colorful canvasses. George Luks, Maude Drein, Leopold Sayffert. Hiossom Farley, who won the \$500 prize; Fred Nunn and Redfield, the other artists. with oils on exhibition, have been, with out exception, lauded for the excellence of their work.

Hearing Refused on Ship Bill WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The Senate Commerce Committee today voted down a proposal to hold hearings on the ship purchase bill demanded by Senator Smith, of Michigan. The committee favorably reported Senator Sheppard's bill allowing iconsed officers to decline to serve on any particular vessel so long as they had not signed articles for that vessel. At present the law has the effect of sub jecting them to involuntary servitude in this particular.







DR. JOHN H. MacCRACKEN Professor of political philosophy in New York University, who has been chosen head of Lafayette

#### REJECTION OF ATTORNEY BY SENATE AN ISSUE

Legal Problem Develops From Failure to Nominate Provisional

Appointee. WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—A problem, which Attorney General Gregory is expected to be called upon to untangle, developed today over the rejection by the Senate of the nomination of John H. Lynn, of Rochester, N. Y., as United States District Attorney for the Western District of New York.

ern District of New York.

The question at Issue is whether the term of Lynn, who is holding office under a recess appointment, was terminated immediately upon the refusal of the Senate to confirm his nomination.

Legal experts of the Government out-side the Department of Justice say Lynn's commission, issued under the re-Lyan's commission, issued under the re-cess appointment and which does not ex-pire until March 4 next, was not im-paired by the Senate's rejection of his subsequent nomination. Senator Overman, of North Carolina, chairman of the Senate Rules Commit-tee, who was at the White House today, takes the consette view He holds the

takes the opposite view. He holds the Senate's refusal to confirm the nomina-tion terminated Lynn's recess appoint-ment immediately.

#### BEQUESTS TO CHARITY

Jewish Institutions Beceive Gifts From Estate of Joseph Steidler.

Bequests of \$500 to the Jewish Foster Home and Orphan Asylum, \$400 to the Jewish Hospital Association and \$400 to Jewish Hospital Association and \$400 to the Federation of Jewish Charities are contained in the will of Joseph Steidler, late of Philadelphia, who died in Pitts-burgh, December 3. The residue of the estate, which is valued at \$7500, is be-queathed to relatives. Charles H. Reed, late of 121 South 17th street, left his entire \$70,000 estate to his widow, Joan L. Reed, whom he named in his will as executrix.

is will as executrix. Other wills probated today were those of Eliza J. Patton, who died at Atlantic

of Elisa J. Patton, who died at Atlantic City, leaving a \$2500 estate, and Barbara Barclay, who died in the Hahnemann Hospital, \$2500. Letters of administration were granted in the \$40,000 estate of Lydia S. Taylor, Queen Lane; Daniel T. Scheuer, 4529 North 19th street, \$7800, and Mary Carey, 1031

Tasker street, \$4650.

Personal property of the estate of Clara Lipper has been appraised at \$34,197; Han-

### JUDGE KINSEY IMPROVES

nah Ford, \$3405.18.

Physicians Say His Chances for Recovery Are Greater.

The condition of Judge John L. Kinsey, street, was reported as slightly improved this morning. Drs. Arthur Newlin and Walter Chrystie visited Judge Kinsey this morning and said his chances for recovery were greater than yesterday. Judge Kin sey was more restful last night than at any time since he became ill. Judge Kinsey is suffering from a com-

plication of rheumatism and nervous breakdown. He was in poor health all last summer, and was seriously ill last October.

# What's Doing Tonight?'

Made in America" bassar, Horticultura ure, "Far East and West," Hamilton W. Witherspoon Hall; S o'clock.
try, pigeon and pet stock show, Piret ent Armory.
erican Ambulance Ball," Horticultural 8 o'clock 9 p'clock. re, "Aids," Metropelitan Opera House "The Wonders of Canada," Dr W. Johnson, Manufacturers' Club 8 o'clock. "Experiments with Vegetables,"
Address. "Experiments with Vegetables,"
Address. The Famery West.
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# WAIFS SERIOUSLY ILL THROUGH THE LACK OF HOSPITAL CARE

## Affected With Measles, They Are Driven From Home and Nursery by Fire and Exposed to Rigors of Cold.

Four little children, waifs who know no home except the Mary J. Ball Home and Day Nursery, are dangerously III with pneumonia because Camden has no hospital in which to segregate contagious diseases, according to Mrs. Stephen Pfell, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee for the home. The Mary J. Ball home in Camden

The Mary J. Ball home in Camden burned down last Friday. At the time of the fire, according to Mrs. Pfeil, 14 of the 26 children in the home were suffering from measles. They should have been in a hospital, she said. Instead, it was necessary to carry them out to the street and expose children suffering with measles to the early morning cold. "I don't know what we would have done if it had not been for the neighbors," said Mrs. Pfeil: "They put the children with measles into beds with their own well children to save them from exposure. It was all because Councils and the Board of Health, in their squabbling over appointments and sinecures at the Municipal Hospital, had delayed the completion of the building, and Camden now has no place to treat contagious diseases.

"The private hospitals refused to take the children, and had it not been for Charles A. Reynolds offering us the use of the building of the old West Jersey Homearthis Harries I.

Charles A. Reynolds offering us the use of the building of the old West Jersey Homeopathic Hospital, I do not know what we would have done.

"Something surely ought to be done to compel the Councilmen and the Board of Health to provide a place for the treatment of contagious cases without delay." Among the 14 children in the home suf-Among the 14 children in the home suf-fering with measles that had to be res-cued from the flames were Hawkins Berg, 5 months old; James Foster, 2 years old; Margaret Foster, 2 years, and Doro-thy Hess, 1 year old. As a result of their exposure they developed pneumonis, Dr. Emma Richardson, who founded the

Mary J. Ball Home in memory of her mother, said the condition of Hawkins Berg and James Foster was critical, and that Rose McKeon, another child, had de-veloped a high fever last night and was showing symptoms of pneumonia. It was further stated that when a case

of diphtheria broke out in the Camden Home for Friendless Children several weeks ago, it was necessary to keep the weeks ago, it was necessary to keep the child in the home, where it endangered the health of 59 other children, because there was no hospital to which the case could be taken.

Dr. Henry H. Davis, president of the Board of Health, said work on the Municipal Hospital had been held up because

t was necessary to secure special legis-ation to enable the city of Camden to set funds to equip the hospital. He said there had been no delay due to difficul-ties in selecting men to fill the positions and added that the hospital was not opened because it had not yet been fully equipped. He admitted however, that the hospital was heated and that a part of the beds had been installed.

#### Christmas Gifts Nickel Percolators, Chafing Dishes,

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## DEEDS OF DARING, ROMANCE AND COMEDY OF GREAT WAR

the neutral Powers to prevent the destruction of his paintial chateau near Rheims, which the Germans are holding to ransom, is an ideal republic. When, four years ago, the Prince granted his people a consilitution and an annual income of \$200,000 for the expenses of the Government, the greatest difficulty which faced the executive was how to spend this sum. Under the rule of Prince Althis sum. Under the rule of Prince Alpert the inhabitants paid no taxes, for none were needed. Every possible ex-penditure of the miniature State was pro-vided for at least twice over by the profits from the Casino at Monte Carlo.

In face of raining bullets, Private Dan Rebertson, of the Hedfordshire Regiment, went out to fetch in a wounded sorgeant. Just as he was in the act of carrying him

How a plucky driver, single-handed, prevented a battery failing into the hands of the Germans is told by Signaler Lee. of the Royal Berks Regiment. During a flerce encounter at the Battle of the Alsne a gun's crew were put out of action, the men being either killed or wounded; but the driver referred to obtained a team of horses and calmly walked them down to the gun, with shells bursting all around. Having reached the spot, he limbered up and brought the guns safely back. Neither be nor the horses were hit.

Vienna messages state the oldest re-servists who, since the outbreak of the war, have been guarding the roads, rail-ways and public buildings, have been sent to the front in Galicia. It is illegal sent to the front in Gelicia. It is illegal to take reservists out of their own province, but the Emperor Franz Josef got over the difficulty by Issuing a proclamation: "In view of the heroic dash of the Austrian army the Emperor has granted the reservist also the honor of going to fight for the defense of the Fatherland."

A London bank clerk decided after many sleepless nights to enlist. But he shied at the task of telling his fond parents, who live in the country, feeling sure that it would break their hearts to have him go to the front. Finally, after pro-found thought, he wrote tham, imparting the momentous news as gently as pos-sible, taking care to point out that he couldn't resist the call of duty. Three days later a postcard from his mother arved, saying: "Glad you've joined the ter of common understanding."

Monaco, whose Prince has appealed to army. It will be a nice change for you," At Knecke-sur-Mer, on the Belgian

The estimate that to date well over 100,000 association football players and officials have enrolled themselves in the British army is modest. Not merely hundreds but thousands of amateur clubs have suspended operations this season because of the bare and appeared to the season because of the bare and appeared to the season because of the bare and appeared to the season because of the bare and appeared to the season because of the seaso

cause they have not enough playing members to continue. There are numerous instances in which every member has put on his country's uniform. The Dutch have chosen pleasant places The Dutch have chosen pleasant places for the internment of the English who have been forced to cross into their neutral territory. Groningen is a town of fine houses and wide, clean streets, in which enough leth century houses remain to give it an Old World air. Gardens and promenades abound on the north side of the town, and in the centre lies a group of open spaces, chief among them the large market square, in which the French Republicans planted their tree of liberty in 1785.

"Don't forget those cigarettes you promised me," wrote a British soldier to his wife. "By the way," he added in a postscript, "the Germans just started shelling us. You may not have to send the smokes."

#### PRESIDENT ON NEGRO QUESTION Tells Investigators There Is Great

Need for Human Feeling. WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.-President Wilson today made a significant address to the University Commission on the Southern race question. He said in part: "I-am very glad to express my sincere "I am very glad to express my sincere interest in this work and sympathy with it. I think that men like yourselves can be trusted to see this great question at every angle. There isn't any question, it seems to me, into which more candor needs to be put, or more thorough human good feeling than this. I know myself, a Southern man, how sincerely the heart of the South desires the good of the Negro and the advancement of his read of all sound and sensible lines and race on all sound and sensible lines, and anything that can be done in that direc-tion is of the highest value. It is a mat-

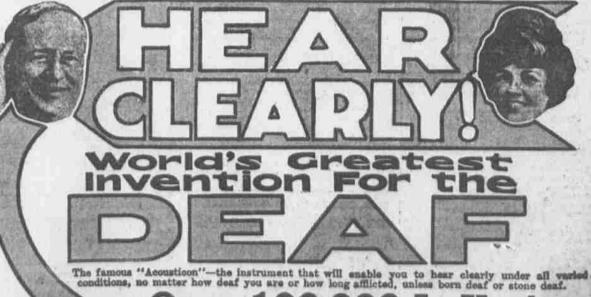
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